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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Southern attorney of the Armour Packing Company is in Washington opposing Federal control of private car lines. —— President Roosevelt yesterday gave instructions for an immediate and thorough investigation of the Oil Trust; oil people say they will aid investigation. —— At Washington yesterday, the Secretary of War heard argument on a petition to compel draws to be put in three bridges across the Savannah river at Augusta, Georgia. —— R. O. Pickard, superintendent of Wilson Cotton mills, was shot and killed yesterday by Wiley House, a carriage worker, man. —— In a lengthy message to Congress yesterday, President Roosevelt explains his proposition to take charge of the custom houses of San Domingo; he does so to keep foreign powers from violating the Monroe doctrine. —— Secretary Hitchcock, of the Interior Department, charges that former Secretary Hoke Smith, of Cleveland's cabinet, granted monopolistic rights in the oil lands of the Osage Indians, in Indian Territory. —— The House of Representatives yesterday called the Senate down for interfering with its constitutional prerogative in originating revenue legislation. —— The Bill repealing the Isthmian Canal Commission, and placing the entire canal construction in the hands of President Roosevelt was passed by the House yesterday. —— The Swayne impeachment trial occupied nearly all the session of the Senate yesterday. —— Savannah may get headquarters of Southern Cotton Association. —— New York markets: Money on call was steady at 2@2½ per cent; cotton was steady at 7.80; flour was firm; wheat, spot firm, No. 2 red $1.25 f o b afloat; corn spot quiet, No 2 55½c at elevator; oats, spot quiet, mixed 26@32 pounds, 37@38c; rosin quiet; spirits turpentine easy.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 16.

Meteorological data for the twenty four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 17; 8 P. M., 30 degrees; maximum, 37 degrees; minimum 17 degrees; mean 24 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 3.17 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8A.M., Wednesday 3.5 ft. and falling.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

Washington, February 18.—For North Carolina: Rain and warmer Friday; Saturday fair, colder in west portion; increasing south winds.

Port Almanac—February 17.

Sun Rises	6 48 A. M.
Sun Sets	5 42 P. M.
Day's Length	10 H. 54 M.
High Water at Southport	5.45 A. M.
High Water at Wilmington	8.15 A. M.

Senator Bailey declared that President Roosevelt's "natural gait is running away" and the Republican Senators now agree with the Texan.

The cablegrams announce that Prince Louis Bonaparte is hunting for a wife Some one might furnish Bony's address to Col. Johann Hoch.

President Roosevelt and the Senate ought to refer their troubles to the Hague tribunal for adjustment according to the plain terms of the constitution of the United States of America

Charlotte claims that half of Japan's $3,000,000 order for yarns is to be supplied from round about there. It is a warm day in February when some mighty good yarn isn't sent out from Charlotte.

President Roosevelt must be blunted in astuteness if he didn't anticipate that the Senate would seize the first opportunity to get even with him for swapping his broncho for the Democratic "animule."

John Sharp Williams accuses President Roosevelt of stealing Democratic thunder. We know now why Col. Roosevelt was struck with the idea that it wouldn't be worth while running for a second term of his own.

The perverse, stiff-necked and sinful Senate has gone and given Author Roosevelt an excuse for writing another book so as to throw the Senators into the scrap pile with the condemned Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson et id genus omne.

Senator Tillman's physician advised him that a man in his fix needed a rest. He immediately went to Philadelphia, which will give the New York papers another opportunity to say that if the Senator is looking for a quiet time he has gone to the right place.

Johann Hoch, the Chicago Bluebeard, is willing to confess in court that he is a bigamist. He and the evidence are agreed, but, of course, his confession shows that he wants to be kept in jail where the survivors of his aggregation of wives can't inflict punishment on him.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. M. Solky & Co—Vote.
D. L Gore Co.—Field Peas.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Wanted—Salesmen.
Widow—Seeks correspondent.

The "Light House" for an oyster roast! Everything new. Electric lights. Cheerful open fires. Last car leaves Wrightsville at 10:30 P. M.; heated, closed cars. The 3 o'clock car from town comes back as far as the Light House at 4:30 P. M. to give you an opportunity to get an oyster roast as well as visit the ocean. t

LOCAL DOTS.

— The first car load of lumber for the new pavilion at Wrightsville beach was sent down yesterday.

— Application was made yesterday by J. M. Wolff for permission to build a one-story frame building at 818 South Front street.

— A head-on collision of street cars occurred late yesterday afternoon at Front and Princess streets. The damage was only trifling.

— Organizer Leonard, of the American Federation of Labor, is promoting a union of the professional musicians of the city.

— A colored woman and two other persons at 214 Cowan street were sent out to the smallpox pest house by Capt. Robert Green yesterday.

— Bishop Robert Strange delivered the address at the annual service of the Girl's Club of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd Wednesday night.

— The revenue cutter "Algonquin," formerly on this station, will make Norfolk her headquarters until Spring when she will return to Philadelphia.

— A bicycle lamp picked up on the street by a health officer may be reclaimed by the owner by applying at Dr. Harper's office, at the City Hall.

— Miss Gore's Saturday night social will be held on Friday night this week on account of the attraction at the Academy of Music Saturday night.

— Southport Standard: "Mr. Taylor has introduced a bill in the Legislature for the protection of perch from shooting or striking during the bedding season."

— Mr. H. L. Fennell, agent for the New York Life Insurance Co., will occupy one of the front offices in the handsome new Heyer building, on Front street.

— British schooner "Clarence A. Shaffner," 188 tons, Capt. Johnson, arrived yesterday from Kingston, Jamacia, and will receive cargo from the Kidder Lumber Co.

— All members of George Washington Council Jr. O. U. A. M. are urgently requested to attend the meeting of the council tonight as important business is to be transacted.

— Two games of basket ball will be played at the Y. M. C. A. tonight. McGeachy will play Dosher and Harper will line up against Schulken. The play will begin at 8:30 sharp.

— Adolphus Davis, colored, was arraigned in Justice Fowler's court yesterday for the larceny of clothes from Rosa Cooper, an inhabitant of Wallace's alley. He went to jail.

— The cotton market was about ten points stronger yesterday, New York spot being quoted quiet at 7.80 Local receipts yesterday were 389 bales against 83 same day last season.

— The Haymakers, the social organization of the Improved Order of Red Men, will shortly petition the Board of Aldermen for permission to hold a carnival in some section of the city next Spring.

— British steamer "Teesdale", 1,560 tons, Capt. Edwards, arrived yesterday from Charleston and will receive a cargo of cotton from Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, perhaps the last of the season.

— The engagement of the Paige Comedy Company at the Academy of Music has been deferred three nights, and will now begin Monday Feb. 27th. "Billy" Kersands' minstrels will be the attraction at the Academy on the night of March 3rd.

— Arguments for and against the Federal Point fence bill, introduced in the Legislature at the instance of Mr. H. L. Horne and others, will be heard by the Committee on Propositions and Grievances of the House next Monday at 3 o'clock.

— The City Hall pump is out of fix and the populace is howling for its repair. People have now come to look upon the pump as a public necessity and many declare the water contains medicinal properties they cannot get along well without. Let the pump be fixed.

— Southport Standard: "Mr. Shipman, representative from Columbus, has introduced a bill in the Legislature taking Waccamaw township from Brunswick county and adding it to Columbus county. A large petition from citizens was sent to Mr. Shipman."

— Messrs. C. L. Dickinson and Chas. E. Taylor have formed a life insurance co-partnership and will occupy an office in the new Heyer building. Mr. Taylor will not be an active member of the firm but will remain as cashier of the Wilmington Savings and Trust Co. They will represent principally the Prudential.

— Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says. "As we go to press we learn that the freight depot is on fire; the fire department has responded." Inquiry at the A. C. L. offices last night elicited no information as to any fire upon the company's property in Fayetteville. The report is probably erroneous.

— There was very little change last night in the condition of Mr. C. H. King, who is still lying at the hospital in an unconscious state as the result of injuries received Monday at the Cape Fear lumber mill. Though the injured man is holding out remarkably well Dr. Akerman says it will be several days before he is out of danger.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Railroad Passenger Fare Bill Favorably Reported by the House Committee.

TO ESTABLISH REFORMATORY

Senator Empie Made Effective Speech. South Dakota Bond Affair—Regulating Jury Selection in Murder Trials—Other Proceedings.

[Special Star Telegram.]

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 16.—The House Committee on Railroads to-day favorably reported the bill reducing railroad rates in the State from three and one-quarter cents, first class, to three cents, and from two and three-quarter cents, second class, to two and one-half cents, with rates for small lines of roads, not over 75 miles long, to be allowed to charge higher rates under regulation of the Corporation Commission, these to be from two and three quarters to three and one-quarter cents.

The Senate voted to appropriate $50,000 for the establishment of a reformatory for youthful criminals and delinquents.

These were the most important actions of the day in connection with the General Assembly.

In the successful fight for the reformatory bill Senator Empie made the speech of the day, winning abundant applause both for his wit and for his really effective hits for the bill. He elicited great laughter by saying at the outset that the supporters of the bill seemed to be old maids and bachelors and as they had no children of their own, he guessed they could devote their time reforming other people's children. He declared the reformatory plan prescribed in the Scales' bill the best, so far as he could find, in any State.

The House Railroad Committee considered the rate bill this evening. It was to fix a flat rate of two and one-half cents for passenger fares and abolish second class fares altogether. The committee decided to report the bill favorably with an amendment that first class fare be three cents and second, two and one-half cents.

THE REFORMATORY BILL.

The reformatory bill is by Mr. Scales, of Guilford. It carries an appropriation of $50,000 and is entitled "An Act creating a Board of Control of the North Carolina Industrial Schools." It provides for the erection and management of said schools, specifying a method of procedure against juvenile delinquents and providing for the management, detention, education and training of such delinquents. After the bill was read, Senator Scales explained it carefully.

Senator Turner sent an amendment to change the word "industrial" to "training school," and this was accepted. Senator Burton sent an amendment to make the appropriation $10,000 instead of $50,000. He said that this was largely an experiment and experiments should have small beginnings.

Senator McLean wanted to know if Senator Burton favored education? "I am surprised at such a question!" replied Mr. Burton.

"Then I take it that you will vote appropriations of State schools," said Mr. McLean, "and I want to know if you don't think it is just as important to save boys and girls from hell-fire as it is to train the mind?" (Applause in the galleries.)

"I didn't know about the hell-fire feature of the bill," replied Mr. Burton. (Applause on the floor.)

Senator Turner advocated the bill, declaring that the State's richest possessions were its boys and girls.

Senator Fleming sent an amendment to make the appropriation $25,000 instead of $50,000.

The motion to re refer was lost. An amendment by Senator Empie, making the bond payable to the State, was accepted and finally the bill passed.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS.

The Senate was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. DuBose. Notable bills introduced were: By Everett, to authorize Richmond county to issue bonds; by Pearson, to amend the election law; by Ward, to incorporate town of Atlantic; by Bragaw, to repeal act establishing dispensary in town of Crescent; by Webb, to prescribe limitation for executors' and administrators' bonds; by Zollicoffer, relative to bonds in criminal actions; by Grady, by request, to re-establish stock law in Turkey township, Sampson county. The Senate concurred in the House amendment to the bill increasing the salaries of judges and the same now becomes a law.

The House bill regulating the manufacture and sale of cotton seed meal, making the standard 7½ per cent. ammonia, passed the Senate unanimously. Other bills which passed were: To amend charters of Bank of Lumberton; also the Robeson Loan and Trust Co; to incorporate Greensboro Female College; to incorporate Wadesboro public library; to amend graded school act of Mount Olive; requesting the Governor to give the General Assembly such information as he has about the sale of the State's stock in the Boone and Blowing Rock Turnpike Company; to examine the books of the insurance commissioner and fix his bond.

IN THE HOUSE.

The House was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Reid. Among petitions presented were three by Mr. Crisp, from citizens of Caldwell, asking for the establishment of the bureau of immigration, and one from the Junior Order against it, and one asking that a new school district be established in that county.

The Vann bill, regulating fishing in Pamlico Sound, was made special order for Wednesday, Feb. 22nd.

Among bills introduced were: To amend omnibus liquor bill of 1903; by Austin, to protect fish in Nash, and prevent the sale and manufacture of liquor within two miles of Spring Hope graded school district; by Laughinghouse, to establish stock law fence around Winterville, Pitt county; by Pitt, to regulate fishing in Edgecombe; by McGill, to establish special school district in Cumberland, known as Rockfish district; by Stewart, to allow town of Dunn to issue bonds.

Among bills which passed were: To amend omnibus liquor bill; to authorize town of Beaufort to issue bonds to buy site for a hotel; to amend charter of town of Orrum, in Robeson county; to create stock law in part of Neil's Creek township in Harnett, to incorporate Laurel Hill, Scotland county; Hutchison's bill to regulate manner of adjusting damage by common carriers. The bill provides that a railroad company shall adjust and pay claims for freight charges in accordance with classifications by the Corporation Commission within 60 days on shipments wholly within the State and 90 days on shipments without the State. The penalty $50 fine to the aggrieved party.

The Graham bill to reduce number of peremptory challenges of defendants in capital cases from 23 to 10 and to increase those of the State from 4 to 10, was explained by the author, a minority report having been sent forward. Mr. Butler and Mr. Laughinghouse favored the bill. Mr. Laughinghouse said the present tax system was the cause of lynchings, because it was well known that it was hard to convict a man of murder.

Mr. Fowler opposed the bill, saying that it was dangerous to change the present system, as it had been planned by great jurists, and had stood the test of time, though it was not perfect.

Mr. Robeson advocated the bill, saying that it was due the law which the solicitors of the State have upheld to pass this law making it a little certain of the conviction of [illegible].

Mr. Woodard moved to [illegible] tournament and the bill went over [illegible] to-morrow for further discussion.

SOUTH DAKOTA BONDS.

Governor Glenn issues a open letter to U. S. Senators Simmons and Overman dealing with the South Dakota bond question, pleading for the honorable dealing between the States and for fairness in adjusting the debt. He says he wants to do what is fair and just in the premises and suggests an offer of 25c on the dollar and 3 per cent. interest to date. He asks the Senators to ascertain if South Dakota is really passing an act to allow the the Governor to buy up other North Carolina compromise bonds with a view to forcing collection. He characterizes this as a State stooping to the position of a second hand junk dealer, and declares if the bondholders do not accept the offer he makes them, he will resist further proceedings in the courts and elsewhere with every means in his power in the name of the State.

The Senate Committee on Propositions and Grievances will report tomorrow a substitute bill, providing that a special commission of three Senators and two Representatives, with the Governor, to take steps for the best possible settlement of the South Dakota bond judgment and Shaffer Brothers' bonds.

PYTHIAN "BIG NIGHT."

Rally of All K. of P. in the State on Evening in March.

Thursday evening March 9th has been designated by Grand Chancellor Robertson, of this city, as "Pythian Big Night," a reference to which with the plan for observance was recently given in these columns. There are 138 K. of P. lodges in North Carolina and each of them, upon that occasion, will assemble in their respective halls all over the State and hold a rally according to the plan outlined in the following programme:

Address by selected orator.
Music.
Exemplification of secret work.
Three minute talks by brothers.
Consideration of applications for membership.
Conferring ranks.
Among the subjects suggested for consideration are the following:

"Shall each grand lodge fix fees for the ranks of Knighthood in their respective grand domains?"

"Ways and means of inducing indifferent Knights to attend meetings more regularly and participate in lodge affairs."

State Deputy Grand Chancellor J. D. Nutt has just returned from a trip through the Domain of North Carolina and brings most encouraging report of the progress of Pythianism everywhere. Mr. Nutt says Knights all over the State are remarking with enthusiasm upon the aggressive and successful administration of Grand Chancellor Robertson and are looking forward with interest to the splendid showing that will be made at the next Grand Lodge meeting.

"ONLY A DEAD CAT."

Dull Times With Police—No Arrests and No Mayor's Matinee Yesterday.

These be quiet days in police circles. There was no Mayor's court yesterday and not a single arrest had been made at that hour since early Tuesday night. Yesterday afternoon there was a jingle of the telephone bell, just like there was a prisoner at the other end, and Turnkey Frank Harper jumped for the receiver, certain of a call for the "Black Maria," or the "Dolly Gray," as the patrol wagon has been more recently dubbed.

"There's a dead cat at Sixth and Castle," said a voice at the other end.

"Oh! fudge," snapped back the Turnkey; "is that the best you can do? Old Dock's gettin' restless in his stable." And straightway Mr. Harper made a note of the dead feline and passed it up to the sanitary department, settling back in his chair with a tired look.

Car and Express Wagon.

Yesterday morning about 10 o'clock a street car in charge of Motorman Fitzpatrick and Conductor Hines was in collision with one of the smaller delivery wagons of the Southern Express Company, near Fourth and Nixon streets. The horse was knocked down by the fender and slightly bruised and a shaft of the wagon was broken. As soon as the horse regained his feet, the driver having jumped when the crash came, the animal dashed off up the street and ran into a mule and market cart, belonging to an old colored woman. The latter turn-out was pretty badly smashed, but no one was hurt.

12½c voile in all colors this week, 10c a yard at Gaylord's, three days' sale. t

THEATRICAL MERGER.

Opera Houses of Messrs. Cowan Brothers Merged With Schloss' Circuit.

NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED.

Local Management to Remain With Present Firm, But Houses Will All be Under One General Control—New Playhouse Abandoned.

Negotiations, pending for ten days or more, have just been concluded by which the theatres of Messrs. Cowan Brothers in Wilmington and Newbern have been merged with the Schloss circuit of houses, Mr. S. A. Schloss becoming an equal joint lessee with Messrs. Cowan Brothers in the houses named, the merger becoming effective with the beginning of the new theatrical year on June 1st, 1905. The completion of the merger means that the proposed new theatre to be established on Second street by the Princess Theatre Company, in which Mr. Schloss was the chief owner, has been abandoned and the house will not be built. The papers, effecting the consolidation of the two interests, were drawn by Herbert McClammy, Esq., counsel for Messrs. Cowan Bros., and were signed and delivered yesterday.

Cowan Brothers will still retain the general management of the houses here and at Newbern, Mr. Robert H. Cowan being local manager of the Wilmington Academy of Music, and Mr. Frank F. Matthews continuing the local management of the Newbern theatre. Mr. Schloss' interests will continue elsewhere in the State. The combined influence of the two managerial firms here will form one of the strongest circuits in the South, controlling all the principal theatres in the State except those in Asheville and Durham. In the near future the firm of Schloss-Cowan Brothers, for such will be the firm name, propose to acquire other houses and will next season put a strong company on the road. The Lyric Stock Company, now on the road under the proprietorship of Messrs. Cowan Bros., will remain under that control, but it may be taken over by the combination before next season.

Now that the circuit is completed from the West to the East in North Carolina, all the big shows will go over the entire circuit and Wilmington and Newbern will get the best that is coming South, and vice versa as to Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston and Raleigh, where theatres are now operated by Mr. Schloss. Klaw & Erlanger, the exclusive booking agency of New York, which controls practically every theatre of importance in the United States, has been secured by the combination and already a number of high-class attractions are being booked for the season of 1905-'06. In the list already booked may be mentioned Lewis Morrison, in "Faust;" Paul Gilmore, Creston Clarke, Effie Ellsler, Al. G. Fields and about half a dozen of the best musical comedies.

Mr. Schloss leaves Saturday for Charleston, W. Va., to attend the National Bill Posters' Union and from there he goes to New York to look after the bookings. One of the Messrs. Cowan will also make a trip to New York about the first of June and Mr. Schloss will go again about the first of August.

Before next season efforts will be made to have the Academy here greatly improved and beautified, making it one of the prettiest and most up-to-date theatres in the South. The consolidation, without a doubt, will result in great things for Wilmington in the amusement line, and both Messrs. Schloss and Cowan Brothers are to be congratulated upon what, at one time, promised to be a lively theatrical war and, perhaps, a losing financial proposition for both firms.

Mr. Schloss will probably sell his theatre site on Second street or remodel the building now on the lot and rent it for dwelling purposes.

PUBLIC LECTURE THIS EVENING.

Judge Septimus J. Hanna, Prominent Christian Scientist at Academy of Music.

The public is invited by the local congregation of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, to attend a lecture by Judge Septimus J. Hanna, of Boston, Massachusetts, to be delivered tonight at the Academy of Music, at 8:30 o'clock. Judge Hanna was a leading jurist of the West, and had quite a reputation as a lawyer and speaker even before he left the profession. For the last fifteen years he has been prominently connected with the Christian Science movement, during a greater part of the time as first reader of the "Mother Church," in Boston, and editor of the Christian Science Journal and Sentinel. He is one of Mrs. Eddy's most able students, and is said to present his subject in an interesting and attractive manner.

Judge Hanna's subject will be "The Truth as it is Demonstrated in Christian Science."

The Wilmington Bills.

The six bills affecting the municipal government of the city of Wilmington, introduced in the House by Representative Boney, on Wednesday, will be considered by the General Assemby Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns on next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. There appears no doubt but that each of the bills will be favorably reported and that they will at once pass the several readings in both branches of the General Assembly.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. A. Shrier has gone to New York on business.

— Mr. C. R. Corbett, of Ivanhoe, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. J. M. Alexander, of Charlotte, was here yesterday.

— Miss Hazel Love left yesterday to visit friends in Greensboro.

— Miss Maggie Benson, of Council, is the guest of relatives in the city.

— Mr. D. M. Fulton, of Carlin & Fulton, Baltimore, is in the city on business.

— Mr. George Rountree is confined to his home by a severe attack of lagrippe.

— Mr. Chas. L. Porter, of Charleston, S. C., is the guest of relatives in the city.

— Mrs. Nettie Bullard is the guest of her father, Mr. G. W. Smith, of Abbottsburg.

— Mr. H. E. Newbury, of Magnolia, continues to improve steadily and is able to be out.

— Mrs. S. Solomon and Miss Lillian Solomon have returned from a pleasure visit North.

— Mr. James H. Chadbourn returned yesterday from a business trip to Washington, D. C.

— Capt. F. A. Burroughs, the well known railroad man of Conway, S. C., arrived yesterday.

— Miss Maud Bulluck left yesterday to spend a while at Salem Female Academy, her alma mater.

— Messrs. E. L. Larkins, of Burgaw, and W. H. Harrelson, of Vineland, were here yesterday.

— The friends of Esquire W. McD. Evans will regret to know that he is confined to his home with pneumonia.

— Mr. Henry G. Fennell has just returned from a week's business and pleasure trip through Georgia and Florida.

— Mr. George O. Gaylord left yesterday for the Northern markets to purchase Spring and Summer goods for his big Department Store, on Front street.

— Miss Sophie Campbell delightfully entertained a party of her friends on a trolley party to the sound Wednesday evening with an oyster roast at the Lighthouse.

— Mr. Junius Davis, of counsel for the Atlantic Coast Line, was in Washington Wednesday in connection with the Selma connection case before the U. S. Supreme Court.

— The many friends of Mr. Alex. A. Fulghum, formerly of this city, will be much interested in his forthcoming marriage to a prominent Waycross, Ga., society belle. The ceremony will take place on the 28th.

— Judge Oliver H. Allen has recovered from his recent illness and is holding Sampson Superior Court this week at Clinton. In the absence of Solicitor Duffy, who is sick, H. E. Faison, Esq., is acting as Solicitor at the court.

— Raleigh Times: "Mr. Zebulon B. Bitting, of Rural Hall, N. C., and Mrs. Rosa B. Applewhite, of Wilson, were happily married in this city last night. The ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. J. B. Neatherly on Dawson street, and was performed by Rev. J. A. Clark, of Walnut Cove."

— Sampson Democrat: "Miss Sallie E. Culbreth, of Wilmington, is visiting her brother, Captain D. A. Culbreth, and also other relatives and friends in Sampson.—Miss Lollie Sandling went down to Wilmington on a visit last Saturday. — Mr. O. P. McArthur, of Wilmington, recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. McArthur, of Taylor's Bridge.

Harmony Circle Entertains.

Harmony Circle gave a delightful entertainment and dance last night in its club rooms, in the MacRae building. The music was by Hollowbush's Orchestra. The affair was in honor of several prominent young ladies who are visiting in the city, among whom are Mrs. M. Michabollivich, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Miss Retia Robinson, of Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Clara Solomon, of Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. George Bernheim, of New York city.

L'Ariose's Monthly German.

The next german of L'Ariose Club will be given Wednesday night, March 1st, instead of next week as erroneously reported. The date was decided at a meeting of the Governing Board. The dance will be complimentary to Mr. Gaston Lord Myers and bride, who will return to the city on the 18th inst. and be at home at the residence of Capt. T. D. Meares, on Market street.

State Council, Junior Order.

William J. Bellamy Esq., member of the State Legislative committee, Messrs. Walter E. Yopp and John E. Wood, representatives of Jeff. Davis Council, and either Maraden Bellamy Jr., Esq., or Capt. N. J. Williams, as the representative of Geo. Washington Council, will leave Monday night for Goldsboro to attend the State Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics.

— Capt. W. Q. Jeffords, who has been roadmaster for a number of years with the Coast Line between Charleston and Florence has been promoted to general roadmaster of the first division. G. Q. Anderson, of Charleston, who has charge of the extra force, will succeed him as roadmaster between Florence and Charleston."

Furniture at cost at Gaylord's; must go. t

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THE "DEADLY" VALENTINE.

Youth Arrested in Norfolk Because He Posted Comic on Window.

Yesterday's Norfolk Virginian-Pilot says:

Because Melville Avery, a fifteen-year-old boy, who like all other boys likes fun, especially on St. Valentine's night, he was arrested at midnight Tuesday for pasting a comic valentine on the window of William Moore's residence, 127 Bute street. The prank of the boy was played earlier in the night and he was asleep, dreaming of the fun he had that day when a big policeman with a warrant rapped at his door and informed his mother that Melville would have to accompany him to the second precinct police station.

It is said that Mr. Moore objected to the valentine on his window and at a late hour sought a magistrate and had a warrant sworn out for the boy's arrest. When Mrs. Avery saw her boy being taken from his bed in the early hours of a very cold morning she became hysterical and it was some time before she could be quieted.

In the police court yesterday morning Justice Simmons postponed hearing the case until to day and released the boy on his own recognizance. The boy said he could prove an alibi.

Young Avery is said to have a very good reputation, but I ke all other boys, likes fun, such as sending comic valentines.

FUNERAL OF MRS. TENNENT.

Services from First Presbyterian Church. Remains Laid to Rest in Oakdale.

In the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives, the funeral of the late Mrs. Harriet Taylor Tennent was conducted at 11 o'clock yesterday morning from the First Presbyterian church, the service having been by Rev. J. M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor of the congregation.

The remains were tenderly laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery, the pallbearers having been: Honorary, Col. A. M. Waddell, Eugene S. Martin, Esq., Marsden Bellamy, Esq., Messrs. W. H. Sprunt, W. H. Northrop and Preston Cumming; active, Messrs. C. W. Worth, W. M. Cumming, H. W. Malloy, M. Cronly, B. R. Bellamy and George Harriss.

Mr. E. S. Tennent accompanied the remains of his mother to Wilmington with other relatives, and received many expressions of sympathy from his hundreds of Wilmington friends.

"THE WIZARD OF OZ."

Big New York Success at Academy of Music To-morrow Evening.

"The Wizard of Oz" is to be seen at the Academy to-morrow night with a big production and a strong company. It would seem that play-goers are never to tire of the Tin Woodman, the Scarecrow, the Cowardly Lyon, the pretty girls and the hundred and one other things that go to make this one of the most popular entertainment ever devised. The Scarecrow and the Tin Woodman are always much in evidence, and they now have a new song which was recently introduced in the second act, and which deals with the Russian-Japanese war question in a burlesque way. Dorothy Gale and Trixie Tryfle are as popular as ever, and Trixie always receives many encores for her "Sammy" song.

Seats will be on sale at Plummer's this morning.

Representative Koonce.

The Raleigh Times of yesterday afternoon prints an excellent likeness of Representative E. M. Koonce, of Onslow county, and gives a brief history of his career. Friends of Mr. Koonce in Wilmington will be gratified to know that he is making a fine record for himself in the General Assembly and that he is very popular in Raleigh.

— Mayor Springer has already received propositions from several financial institutions to handle the proposed bonds for the establishment of a public park in Wilmington. The bonds would likely command a substantial premium, judging from the avidity of the several financial agencies already bidding for them.

Fruit Loom Bleaching 7c at Gaylord's, three days' sale. t

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FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 17.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE SENATE STAND PAT.

The arbitration treaties which were amended by the Senate contrary to President Roosevelt's dictation, and which he refuses to further negotiate because of the action of the Senate, have been filed away by the State Department. Secretary Hay, it is announced, has not communicated the action of the Senate to the several representatives of the foreign powers with whom the treaties were negotiated, and it is probable that the Secretary of State will not do so, permitting them to take notice themselves of what has occurred in this connection.

It is announced from Washington that the announcement made by Secretary Hay that ratifications of the amended arbitration treaties will not be exchanged by the Administration will not tend to improve the relations between the President and the Senate. Many Senators, including members of his own party have been very much exasperated by the attitude that the President has assumed toward the Senate. They not only resent his having written his letter to Senator Cullum criticising the committee amendments to the arbitration treaties, but they consider his action in making the letter public before it had been read in the Senate as constituting a direct affront to that body.

The suspician entertained by many Senators that the Administration, but for the criticism of the Senate, would have put the Santo Domingo protocol into operation on February 1, without having submitted it to the Senate, has tended to increase their distrust of the President and to strengthen their opinion that he is disposed to invade the constitutional rights of the Senate. Though there is less said about it, it is undoubtedly true that the strained relations at present existing between Mr. Roosevelt and the Senate are in very large measure due to the attitude that the President has assumed in regard to ratefixing legislation and to his efforts to bring about action in the Senate on this important subject practically without opportunity for deliberation.

The President stands pat and so does the Senate, which from its standpoint has prepared a statement from which Mr. Roosevelt can learn something by reading. It was presented to the Senate in executive session on Tuesday by the President's friend, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts. It is a list of all the general and particular arbitration treaties, or arbitration articles in treaties containing other provisions, that have been submitted to the Senate. The Senator has compiled also a statement showing the constitutional methods of making and ratifying treaties in certain foreign countries. The statement was ordered printed as a public document. A plan for a more comprehensive statement that should set forth the Senate's position has been deferred for the present and probably indefinitely.

The disposition of each arbitration treaty is given by the statement presented by Mr. Lodge. It shows that 44 were submitted, of which 43 were ratified and 1—the Pauncefote treaty with Great Britian—was rejected. Of the treaties ratified, 37 were not and 6 were amended. Seven arbitration agreements have been entered into without being submitted to the Senate. They all provide for the settlement of private claims, and were with Brazil, Columbia, Spain, Mexico, (Pius fund case), Domingo and two with Haitii. The Dominican is the Santo Domingo Improvement Company case, inquired into by Senator Bacon's resolution, introduced Monday. The compilation of the laws covering the ratification of arbitration agreements of all the countries with which the United States has negotiated such treaties shows that in every instance the executive must secure the approval of at least one, and in most instances both parliamentary houses, except in the case of Switzerland, where the parliamentary body is supreme in treaty making, the executive having none of the power, and of Great Britian, where the King must secure the approval of the ministry, virtually a committee of parliament and analogous with the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate of the United States.

The Colombian President now proposes to the United States that the people of Panama be allowed to vote on the question of reunion with the Colombian republic. Please note this evidence that Colombia concedes that Panama is our meat. Uncle Sam will not object to any such election if he is allowed to count the vote at Washington.

A new book, "The Tangled Web of Life," is out. The publisher will please positively desist from sending us a copy, for we don't care to read about the troubles of any disgruntled married man.

CONGRESS AND COMPULSORY PILOTAGE.

The owners of sailing vessels, most of whom are residents of the Middle and New England States, are making a strong fight in behalf of the pilotage bill before Congress. That bill takes takes out of the hands of the States all matters touching pilotage and regulating pilots, and its special feature is a total abolition of compulsory pilotage at any port of the United States. Compulsory pilotage exists only at some Southern ports, and is established by State laws similar to that in North Carolina. The bill pending in Congress contemplates the putting of all sailing vessels under government inspection and in that respect placing them on the same footing with steam vessels, which the sail vessel owners claim have the advantage over them in the fact that they are not compelled to take a pilot unless they desire to do so. The legislation which the sail ship owners are endeavoring to get through Congress also requires that masters of all sailing ships must hold license from the government as coast pilots.

Under the circumstances, the principal opposition to the pending measure in Congress comes from the Southern pilots. Vice President Bontwell, of the Virginia Pilots' Association, is in Washington fighting the bill, and he presents the matter in this way:

"It does not seem to me to be possible that Congress can yield to the pressure of the coasting trade to abolish compulsory pilotage," said he. "There are many reasons why it should be maintained. In the first place the safety of hundreds of hundreds of lives is at stake. To abolish compulsory pilotage will allow any sort of a sailing master to run his vessels in waters with which he is unacquainted, thereby endangering lives and property. There are plenty of statistics to prove that there are fewer accidents in compulsory pilotage territory than there are in territory where there are no compulsory laws. In the second place Congress should not interfere, for pilotage laws are local and not general. As Judge Curtis, in an opinion from the bench, says: 'It is local and not national, and it is likely to be provided for, not by one system or plan of regulation, but by as many as the legislative discretion of th. several States deem applicable to the local peculiarities of the porot within their limits.'

"There is another considerations Pilots are important things to have in case of war. They can pilot the big battleships around our harbors in safety. They will be essential in those times. And if you abolish compulsory pilotage you will wipe out the pilot in Southern ports. Then the battleships will have to trust to luck, and no one knows what the result will be. Southern ports cannot maintain pilots when the compulsory laws are repealed."

The General Assemblies of both North and South Carolina are considering bills to repeal the compulsory pilotage laws and whatever they do fo or not it is quite likely that the United States government sooner or later will do so. The vessel owners, the shippers and the commercial bodies at the various ports appear to be a unit in favor of doing away with compulsory pilotage and as they are the parties who have to take the risk with vessels and their cargos, it will go a long ways in convincing Congress that as they are most concerned, there is little to be argued against the passage by Congress of the bill now pending. It was introduced by Representative Littlefield, of Maine, and has been favorably reported.

RULE ON TOBACCO AGENTS.

At Washington on Tuesday Secretary Shaw submitted to the Senate, in response to a resolution offered some time ago by Senator Daniel, of Virginia, all the rulings and correspondence on the subject of the construction of the provision of the act of August 28, 1894, relative to the sale of tobacco by farmers and growers in person and by agents. The rulings, which have been strictly adhered to by the department, are appended to the Secretary's report, which is, in part, as follows:

"It is due to state that the department has never interfered with the manifest right of the farmer to make the negotiation of his crop through his son or employe on the farm, but the rulings cited have been made for the purpose of preventing the indiscriminate sale of the farmer's crop throughout the confines of the United States by agents in competition with tax-paid tobacco."

Says the Detroit Free Press: "Undeterred by the reports from Denver, the Kansas House of Representatives has passed a female suffrage bill." The married men in that Legislature would rather be put on to some method by which they can pass female dry goods bills.

— Alice: If you had to choose between a widower and an old bachelor which would you take supposing that each had as much money as the other? Mollie: The widower. The chances are that he would have learned how to give up without fighting.—Chicago Record Herald.

Poisons in Food.

Perhaps you don't realize that many pain poisons originate in your food, but some day you may feel a twinge of dyspepsia that will convince you. Dr. King's New Life Pills are guaranteed to cure all sickness due to poisons of undigested food, or money back. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. Try them.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— "What's the difference between a 'treaty' and an 'agreement,' father?" "Oh, about 50 to 9, my son."—New York Herald.

—— Secretary Shaw wants alarms placed on the Treasury vaults. He is probably afraid that some one will steal the deficit.—Washington Post.

—— When Senators are indicted and found not guilty they are cautioned by the court not to do it again.—Piedmont W. Va. Independent.

—— Whether it be called a "revolt" or an "admonition," the truth remains that the Senate has kicked over the administration traces.—Baltimore Sun.

—— The President might break another precedent by discovering some way of passing a bill which is opposed by a majority of the Senate.—Washington Post.

—— Some of Mr. Hearst's colleagues who were convinced he could not make a speech are probably sorry they did not leave well enough alone.—Washington Post.

—— Fitzhugh Lee's daughter married a Yankee this week. The civil war is over and we trust the domestic one will never begin.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

—— If all that is alleged against the so called "Bluebeard" Hoch be true, he seems to have combined polygamy and a form of race suicide, paradoxical as this may seem.—Baltimore Sun.

—— A Cuban has won the international automobile race in Havana. There's a suggestion for the Filipinos to demonstrate their capability for self-government.—New York Commercial.

—— We can imagine the majestic, Jove-like front Senator Bailey must have presented when he rose to denounce the proposition that Texas be divided into two States.—Chicago Tribune.

—— The Kitchin brothers, Congressmen from North Carolina, will vote against the Jamestown Exposition bill as a matter of principle. Might they not compromise by having one member of the team vote against the bill as a matter of prinple and the other vote in favor of it as a matter of patriotism? Then they could pair with each other, making "the brother act" more conspicuous than ever.—Norfolk Landmark.

—— A member of Congress wants all rural carriers—who number about 30,000—taken from under the operation of the civil service regulations. He says that a political machine is now being built up among the carriers, and, therefore, they should be restored to the control of the members of Congress. The idea of taking something out of politics by placing it in the hands of memoers of Congress is unique, to say the least of it—even if it is not practicable.—Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.

TWINKLINGS.

— Knicker: "What were your baby's first words?" Bocker: "She said: "Am I first one you ever kissed?"—New York Sun.

— Diner—"I say, waiter, there's a chicken in this egg! Hello, what are you doing?" Waiter—"Changing your check, sir. Chicken is fifty cents."—Buffalo Commercial.

He: "I'd like to take your photograph, Edie. Really, you're sweet enough to eat!" She: "I see—and that's why you want to put me on a plate.—Illustrated Bits.

— She—Did you love me the first time you saw me, Henry? He—I loved you before I saw you at all; I have loved you ever since I saw your father's rating in Bradstreet.—Boston Transcript.

— "Yes, old man, we're fixing to go housekeeping; what has been your experience with servant girls?" "Hush! Come over here where my wife can't hear."—Houston Post.

— Lottie—Oh, well, let's kiss and make up. Dottie—All right, dear. I'll do the kissing, but you've had more experience with the other part of the programme.—Cleveland Leader.

— "I want to be vaccinated where it won't show at balls this Winter nor in the surf this Summer" "Ahem! Better send your little brother around and be vaccinated by proxy."—Houston Post.

— Mrs. Fondmar: Doctor, my daughter sits and gazes into that mirror for hours at a time. I can't get her to take exercise. Dr. Bruff: Well, I prescribe another mirror at the other end of the room.—Chicago Journal.

Upper Cape Fear Improvement.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: Major Hale, chairman of the Citizens' Committee, recently received a letter from Senator Overman saying that he would introduce an amendment in the Senate to the House Rivers and Harbors bill, providing for an appropriation carrying on our Upper Cape Fear Improvement scheme. The Washington correspondent of today's Raleigh News and Observer contains this: "Senator Overman today introduced an amendment to the House river and harbor bill making an additional cash appropriation of $50,000 and authorizing a continuous appropriation of $300,000 for the improvement of the upper Cape Fear river from Wilmington to Fayetteville."

Copper Plant Burned.

Fayetteville Observer, 14th: A telephone message has been received stating that the entire plant of McMillan Bros.' copper works, at Savannah, Ga., was burned last night. A sad incident of the burning of this valuable plant was the loss of two lives in the fire, Mr. Jake Gardner and son, who slept in rear of the building, and who had been with the company for over twenty years, perishing in the flames.

— State Auditor Dixon requests that announcement be made that the last Legislature enacted a law allowing all disabled ex-Confederate soldiers to peddle without license upon certificates signed by the county pension board.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Governor Glenn is very much interested in the bill to allow him to grant conditional pardons. He says he was very deeply concerned in this measure, which has passed the Senate, but is hung up in the House.

— Early Wednesday morning a young colored woman was found dead in her bed by the side of her three-year old child, on the Parker plantation, about three miles from Goldsboro. It is supposed that she froze to death during the night, as the child was almost frozen when found. The weather has been very cold for several days, and it is supposed that she was sick and not able to get aid.

— Governor Glenn has been invited by the North Carolina Society of New York city, to be its guest at a banquet to be given on the 27th instant, at the Hotel Rnea. He and Governor Heyward, of South Carolina, will be the guests of honor. The invitations say that the dinner will be the finest ever given and in the finest hotel in the world. The Governor is in correspondence with Governor Heyward, and is arranging to go.

Washington Post: Representative Small, of North Carolina, is conducting a campaign of education with reference to an inland waterway from Norfolk, Va., to Beaufort Inlet, N. C. He has been campaigning on that ever since he came to Congress and refuses to let up. His latest move is to bring a map of the proposed waterway ten feet long and five feet wide, to Washington. He now has it on exhibition in the rear lobby of the House.

— An electric car line may be operatad between Elizabeth City and Norfolk in the near future. every possible effiort is being made by the Norfolk Railway and Light Company, which owns and operates the street car lines of Norfolk, to secure a franchise to construct and operate a trolley system in Elizabeth City and its representatives have made a proposition to the Board of Aldermen. The final decisions is awaited with intense interest. The line will be extended to Norfolk after being in operation sometime. It is also their purpose to extend a branch line in a southerly direction, taking in Weeksville and other points.

— J. B. Duke, president of the American Tobacco Company, who with his bride is at Durham attending the bedside of his father, Mr. Washington Duke, who is suffering from a broken leg, has given his check for $5,000 to the Lincoln Hospital, which is a hospital for the colored race. This hospital was built and equipped by Mr. Washington Duke and his two sons, J. B. and P. N. Duke, at a cost of some $10,000. This year the hospital has been overrun with free patients, who have been treated at a considerable cost. Mr. Duke heard of the needs of the hospital, and has given his check for $5,000 for its support. The money was given without any solicitation and came as a great surprise to the board of trustees.

— For some time past there have been plans to establish an electric car line to connect Chapel Hill with Durham. Monday night at a meeting of the citizens of Chapel Hill with Messrs. R. H. Wright and James Manning, of Durham, definite plans looking to the establishment of such a line were formulated. Messrs. Wright and Manning said at the meeting that the Southern Railway had agreed to discontinue its present branch line from University station to Chapel Hill if the electric line became a certainty. In case the electric road is established it must be run for ninety days before the Southern tracks will be removed. The capitalists interested propose to lay a heavy rail track in as straight line as possible between Chapel Hill and Durham. A good schedule is promised and close connection will be made with all trains arriving at and leaving Durham. Freight will be handled with dispatch and if necessary an engine will be secured to facilitate transportation. The citizens of this town are heartily in favor of the plan. A petition is being signed which will be presented to the legislature to give the Southern Railway permission to discontinue its line between Chapel Hill and University station and to empower the capitalists to establish the proposed line immediately.

— State Senator S. W. Beasley, of Currituck county, was notified at Raleigh of the mysterious disappearance of his little son, Kenneth, aged 8 years, who has been missing since Monday. He left for home immediately and arrived there Tuesday night in company with Mr. Hurricane Branch and his pack of bloodhounds The combined efforts of the people of Poplar Branch and the surrounding country, who have formed searching parties and are systematically scouring the countryside, have failed to find the missing boy, and, as the ory after theory is traced out and nothing results, the mystery deepens If he was kidnapped, who are his abductors, and for what reason is he being held? If he has met with foul play and is now dead, where is his body concealed? These are the questions being asked many times. Every foot of ground in the vicinity of the school house, where he was up to 12 o'clock Monday, has been searched. Inquiries have been made of all the people—in fact, every resource has been exhausted—but with no result. The case is causing much interest, and the residents of Currituck are in a state of intense excitement. The following dispatch was received from Poplar Branch at 2:05 Wednesday afternoon: "Senator Beasley's boy disappeared at noon Monday. The alarm was given at 1:30. About thirty men responded and went into the woods with Prof. Jennings. The snow was falling fast and the crowd soon increased to seventy-five men, who hunted nearly all night. Yesterday Mr. Beasley and son, Moran, at Raleigh, were telegraphed. One hundred and twenty five men were already searching the swamp at 1:30 P. M. Branch and his bloodhounds were telegraphed for and arrived at 3:15 this morning. At 8:30 this morning the bloodhound was put in the woods and trailed to the edge of the swamp and returned. Over two hundred have now gone into the search again. Mrs. Beasley is almost prostrated with grief."

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, February 16.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.50 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.30 per barrel for hard, $3.70 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin nothing doing; tar firm at $1.40; crude turpentine firm at $2.25@4.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	14
Rosin	53
Tar	112
Crude turpentine	58

Receipts same day last year—41 casks spirits turpentine, 695 barrels rosin, 389 barrels tar, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady at 7¼c for middling.

Same day last year, market dull at 18c for middling.

Receipts—289 bales; same day last year, 83.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 95c; extra prime, $1.00; fancy, $1.10, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 85c; extra prime, 90c; fancy, 95c. Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm; 60@65c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 14@15c per pound; shoulders, 11c; sides, dull, 10c.

EGGS—Dull at 20@23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 15@35c; spring, 12½@15c.

TURKEYS—Dull at 12½c for live; 16½c for dressed.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26@27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6c per pound.

PORK—Firm at 7@8c net.

PEAS—White, $1.75@1.85; clay, $1.3 @1.35.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 60@75c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Money on call was steady at 2@2½ per cent.; closing bid 2¼ per ct, offered at 2½; time loans steady; sixty days 3 per cent.; ninety days 3 per cent.; six months 3¼ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange was quoted easy, with actual business in bankers' bills 487 70@487.75 for demand and at 485.50@485.55 for sixty day bills. Posted rates 486½ and 488½@489. Commercial bills were 485¾. Bar silver 61¼. Mexican dollars 47¼. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 104½; do. coupon, 104½; U. S. 3's, registered, 103¾; do. coupon, 103¾; U. S. 4's, new, registered, 131½; U. S. 4's, new, coupon, 131½; U. S. 4's, old; registered, 105½; do. coupon, 105½. American Tobacco 4's cert., 76½; American Tobacco 6's cert., 117; Atlantic Coast Line 4's, 103½; Louisville & Nashville, unified 4's, 102¾; Seaboard Air Line 4's 89½; Southern Railway 5's, 119¾. Stocks: Atlantic Coast Line 121¾; Baltimore & Ohio preferred 97¾; Chesapeake & Ohio 50¾; Louisville & Nashville 138¾; Manhattan L 173¾; New York Central 148¼; Reading 93½; do. 1st pref'd, 93½; do. 2nd pref'd 90; Southern Railway 34½; do. pref'd 97¾; Amalgamated Copper 74¼; People's Gas 107¾; Tennessee Coal and Iron 81½; U. S. Leather 12¾; U. S. Leather preferred, 105½; Western Union 93¼; U. S. Steel 32¼; do. preferred 94½; Mexican Central 23¾; Virginia-Carolina Chemical, 38½; sales — shares; do. preferred, 108; sales — shares. Standard Oil 642.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 16.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 17¼; do. preferred, nothing doing.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Rosin quiet. Spirits turpentine easy.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 16.—Spirits turpentine and rosin—nothing doing.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 16.—Spirits turpentine was dull 53c; receipts 2 casks; sales — casks; shipments 200 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 966 barrels; sales 63 barrels; shipments 1,131 barrels: A, B, C $3 63½; D, $3 67½; E, $3 73½; F, $3 77½; G, $3 87½; H $3 21; I, $3 50; K, $4 05; M, $4 50; N, $4 75; W G, $5 00; W W $5 15.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The cotton market continued comparatively quiet but showed a considerable improvement in tone as a result of covering and fresh demand for long account, promoted by reports of good trade conditions in Manchester and continued firm Southern spot holders. The opening was steady at an advance of two to three points in response to slightly better cables than expected. Business appeared to be chiefly local but the professional element that had sold short on the previous day showed a disposition to cover, particularly the near months. At first the demand lacked snap, and after advancing three or four points over the opening figures the market lost the gain, but did not get down to last night's prices, and in the afternoon trading turned firm on a renewal of covering, which so far as the near months were concerned may have been partially due to talk of a possible corner in the March option at New Orleans and the approach of the first notice day for that position The market closed firm with prices within a point or two of the best or a net advance of six to eleven points. Sales were estimated at 175,000 bales. The weather in the South continued cold in the Eastern belt and while west of the Mississippi temperatures were higher the forecast indicated that rain would accompany the warmer weather, and thus suggested no material increase in the movement immediate future. Port receipts for the day were rendered larger than looked for by large clearances, but exports were particularly heavy and the interior movement together with the estimates for to-morrow continue light.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Cotton was steady at 7 80; net receipts 75 bales; gross receipts 2,880 bales; stock 73,119 bales.

Spot cotton closed steady and 5 points higher: middling uplands 7.80c; middling gulf 8.05c; sales 188 bales.

Futures opened steady: February —, March 7.84, April 7.83 bid, May 7.83, June —, July 7.49, August 7.44, September 7.47, October 7.51, November —, December 7.56 bid.

Futures market closed firm: February 7.40, March 7.41, April 7.43, May 7.44, June 7.46, July 7.49, August 7.53, September 7.55, October 7.58, November 7.59, December 7.63

Total to day, at all seaports—Net receipts 13,197 bales; exports to Great Britain 91,115 bales; exports to France 14,904 bales; exports to the Continent 6,878 bales; exports to Japan 4,678 bales; exports to Mexico 486 bales; stock 713,447 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 57,595 bales; exports to Great Britain 37,351 bales; exports to France 29 139 bales; exports to Continent 18,688 bales; exports to Japan 4,678 bales; exports to Mexico 486 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 6,863,833 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,563,714 bales; exports to France 588,385 bales; exports to the Continent 2,110,377 bales; exports to Japan 95,123 bales; exports to Mexico 19,700 bales.

Feb. 16.—Galveston, firm at 7 9-16c, net receipts 1,388 bales; Norfolk, steady at 7¾c, net receipts 565 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 7¾c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 7.80c, net receipts 111 bales; Wilmington, steady at 7¼c, net receipts 289 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 8.05c, net receipts 50 bales; Savannah, quiet at 7¼c, net receipts 3,138 bales; New Orleans, firm at 7¼, net receipts 2,317 bales; Mobile, quiet at 7¼c, net receipts 432 bales; Memphis, steady at 7¼c, net receipts 424 bales; Augusta, steady at 7¾c, net receipts 310 bales; Charleston, quiet at 7¼c, net receipts 154 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Flour was firm. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red $1 25 f. o. b. afloat. Options market showed ¼@⅝c net advance: May closed $1 18¾; July closed $1 06⅛; September closed 96⅞c. Corn—Spot quiet; No. 2 55¼c at elevator. Options ¼@⅝c net lower: May closed 53c; July closed 53¾c. Oats—Spot quiet; mixed, 26@33 lbs., 37@38c. Tallow quiet Butter was strong; creamery, common to extra 26@33c; State dairy 22@30c. Pork quiet. Cheese very firm and unchanged; State, small colored and white 9¼@13c. Eggs firm; nearby selected 38@39c; Southerns 29@34c. Peanuts firm; fancy hand-picked 5¼@5½c; other domestic grades 3¼@5¼. Potatoes steady; Long Island, in bulk, per 180 lbs, $1 50@2 00; State and Western $1 25@1 40; Jersey sweets $2 00@4 50. Cabbages steady; flat Dutch, per 100, $2 00@3 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton, 12@14. Sugar—Raw steady. Refined firm. Molasses firm. Lard steady; refined quiet. Cotton seed oil was quiet and active, but ruled irregular as to price: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills 18@19c; prime summer yellow 25¾@26¼c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 28@28¾c; prime winter yellow 29@29¼c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Under a strongly manipulated market, wheat for May delivery to-day sold up to 1 21½c a bushel, overtopping yesterday's high record price for the season. The market closed at almost the highest point of the day with a net gain of 1¾ to 1¾. Final quotations on July were off ¼ to ½c. Corn and oats are each down ½c. Provisions show a loss of 2½ to 7½c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Cash prices: Flour easy. Wheat—No. 2 spring $1 16@1 19; No. 3 do. $1 08@1 18; No. 3 red $1 20@1 23¼. Corn—No. 2 44¼c; No. 2 yellow 44¾c. Oats—No. 2 30¼@31; No. 3 white, 33; No. 3 white 31¾@33. Rye—No. 2 76½c. Mess pork, per bbl, $12 65@12 70. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 72@6 75. Short rib sides, loose, $6 62@6 75. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, no report. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 75@6 87. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 23.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 May $1 20@1 20¾, 1 21¾, 1 19¾, 1 21¾; July $1 02¾@1 02⅝, 1 02¾, 1 01⅜, 1 02½; September 94¼@94¾, 94¾, 93⅜, 93¾. Corn—February —, —, —, 44; May 47@47¼, 47¾, 46½, 46¾; July 47¾@47¾, 47⅝, 47¼, 47⅜c. Oats—February —, —, —, 31@31½c; May 31¾@31⅝, 31⅜@31⅝, 31¾@31⅝, 31¾@31⅝c; September 29¾, 29¾, 29¼, 29¾@29½c; July 31¾, 31¾@31¾, 31¾, 31¾. Mess pork, per bbl—February —, —, —, $12 62; May $12 90, 12 95, 13 82, 13 85; July $13 00, 13 00, 12 92, 12 95. Lard, per 100 lbs—February —, —, —, $6 72; May $7 00, 7 00, 6 92, 6 95; July, $7 10, 7 12, 7 05, 7 07. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—February —, — —, $6 05; May $6 87, 6 87, 6 82, 6 85; July $7 00, 7 00, 6 97, 6 97.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; mild quiet. Futures steady and 10@15 points higher.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 16.—Cotton: Spot, good business done; prices unchanged; American middling 4.17d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 2,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 11,100 bales American. Receipts 11,000 bales, including 10,700 bales American.

Futures opened easier and closed quiet; American middling (g o c): February 3.99½; February and March 3.99½; March and April 4.01d; April and May 4.03d; May and June 4.03d; June and July 4.05d; July and August 4.05d; August and September 4.05d; September and October 4.06d; October and November 4.06d; November and December 4.07d.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

British steamer Teesdale, 1,560 tons, Edwards, Charleston, S C, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

British schooner Clarence A Shaffner, 158 tons, Johnson, Kingston, Jamaica, C D Maffitt.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port of Wilmington, N. C., February 17.

STEAMERS.

Teesdale, (Br) 1,560 tons, Edwards, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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Clarence A Shaffner, (Br) 158 tons, Johnson, C D Maffitt.

Annie Ainslie, 350 tons, Sirout, to master.

M C Haskell, 399 tons, Rowe, C D Maffitt.

Elizabeth T Doyle, 684 tons, Stevens, C D Maffitt.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—4 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 23 barrels rosin, 52 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—9 bales cotton.

W. C. & A. Railroad—388 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 48 barrels tar, 58 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—18 bales cotton, 30 barrels rosin, 12 barrels tar.

Total—389 bales cotton, 14 casks spirits turpentine, 53 barrels rosin, 112 barrels tar, 58 barrels crude turpentine.

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J. A. White, electrician for the Coast Line Railroad, at Rocky Mount, residing at 206 North Sixth street, says; "I have had great trouble with my back, right across the loins, and when I sat still for awhile I hardly knew how to move and when I did you would think I was seventy-five years old. There were pains all over me and I could not tell where they were to strike me. I used liniments and lots of remedies but nothing did me any permanent good until I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at Bellamy's drug store and used them. They helped me in a very short time and seemed almost to oil up my joints; in fact, I have not had the pains since I used them."

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— The attendance on the fifth annual sale of Biltmore Berkshire pigs on Mr Geo. W. Vanderbilt's estate near Asheville Tuesday, was not so large as has characterized previous sales, owing to the disagreeable weather conditions. The sale, however, was a most successful one, and many high-bred and valuable pigs were sold. A number of expectant bidders from distant cities and States were in attendance and the prevailing prices were entirely satisfactory. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt and a party of friends were interested witnesses of the auction sale and manifested keen pleasure in the appearance of the thoroughbred animals raised on the estate and offered for sale. Col. R L Bailey, of Gibson City, Ill., who has had charge of the sale for the last four years, was again the auctioner. The first sow offered was "Tact," a very handsome animal. The bidding commenced at $200, and was finally knocked down to W. H. Coffman, of Bluefield, W. Va., for $400 Mr. Coffman also bought "Vain Maid's Duchess of Biltmore," for $100; Lydia, of Biltmore III, $100; Dora H., of Biltmore II, $100; English Emma II, $75; Her Highness, of Biltmore III, $100; Highclere Lady, of Biltmore, $142; Highclere Lady, of Biltmore II, $100; Reine, of Biltmore II, $105; Lees Madam, of Biltmore, $130; Pansy, of Biltmore, $100; Poetess, of Biltmore, $155; Pieter's Pet, of Biltmore I, $75 Pieter's Pet, of Biltmore II, $96; Pieter's Pet, of Biltmore III, $75; Pieter's Pet, of Biltmore IV, $75; Parish Council Queen II, $230, and Francis, of Biltmore, $175.

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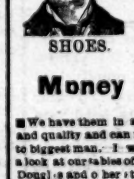

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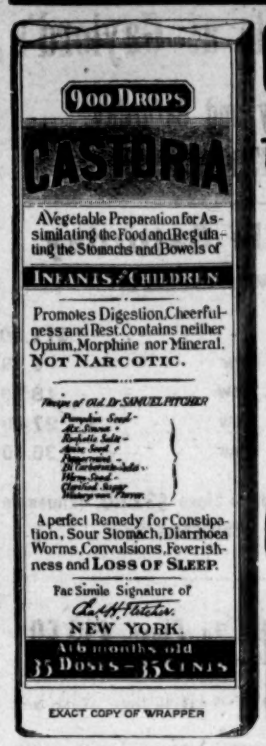
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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, at Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, January 11th, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$ 722 967 58
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	12,141 21
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	125 000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. deposits	104,500 00
Bonds, securities, etc	39,850 50
Banking houses, furniture, and fixtures	30,000 00
Other real estate owned	10 000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve)	169 977 34
Due from State Banks and Bankers	176 873 88
Due from approved reserve agents	75 611 93
Checks and other cash items	125 00
Notes of other National Banks	13,135 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	513 98
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	$38,500 00
Legal tender notes	25,615 00 64,094 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	5,000 00
Total	$1,542,141 34

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	125 000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	33 449 78
National Bank notes outstanding	125 000 00
Due to other National Banks	24,597 94
Due to State Banks and Bankers	150,447 98
Dividends unpaid	344 00
Individual deposits subject to check	786 921 91
Cashier's checks outstanding	3,779 93
United States Deposits	104,500 00
Total	$1,542,041 34

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss:

I, J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of January, 1904.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
GEO. R. FRENCH,
D. McEACHERN,
JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, } Directors.

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Hot Water Bags.

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A Visit to the Metropolis

[Original.]

In New York on Fifth avenue, not far from the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, in the buildings which forty years ago were occupied for dwellings, are a number of shops of different kinds. One morning Howard Dyson, who had recently struck gold in Colorado and was visiting New York to see the sights, emerged from the hotel, walked a few steps on Thirty-third street, crossed Fifth avenue and proceeded leisurely southward. Suddenly he stopped and faced a shop window.

The main feature for display was a wax figure of a woman in costly attire of the very latest pattern. Never were face and shoulders more true to life. The image was not only beautiful, but there was an aristocratic mien about it which could only have been modeled from a woman of noble lineage. Dyson stood spellbound.

"It beats all," he muttered to himself, "what marvelous things are to be seen in this wonderful city. Who would ever suppose that lovely creature could be made of wax, stuffed with straw? I don't believe it's wax at all. The bosom rises and falls just like that of a human being."

Dyson watched the figure as long as he could without attracting attention, then walked down to the Fifth Avenue hotel and back, stopping and standing again before the wonderful figure; then, calling an automobile cab, he rode through Central park, returned to his hotel, lunched and, lighting a cigar, strolled out to take another view of the wax figure. This time it did not seem so lifelike. The flesh was waxy, and the hair grew out of a waxy scalp. He wondered how he could have seen anything in it to make him think that it might be a living being. He determined to enter the store, look over the goods and ask some questions. He found an old man who spoke with a strong French accent. After being shown a number of articles for which he had no use whatever he began to talk to the old man about the figure in the window.

"How do you make the thing breathe?" he asked.

"Ah, m'sieu, when I was young I visited Mme. Tussaud's waxwork show in Paris, where I saw the reclining figure of a woman made to appear to breathe. I was not content till I had made machinery for a like purpose. That machinery is now in the figure."

"When I first looked at it, there was more appearance of life about it than there is now."

"Oui? When you first saw it, the sun was in the east, the figure in shadow. Now the sun is on it."

That evening Dyson spoke to one of the clerks in his hotel and asked him about the old Frenchman.

"The Count de Guronne? He is a ruined French spendthrift who came over here recently and to make a living opened a shop."

Dyson spent a month in New York, every day passing the wax figure half a dozen times at least and always stopping to look at it. Whether it was the arrangement of the hair or the expression on the face or the attitude, or all of these, the thing seemed to have been modeled after some one who had lived long ago. Dyson finally noticed that between 11 and 12 o'clock in the morning and between 3 and 4 in the afternoon it looked like life, while at all other times it was waxy. One day he came to a sudden determination. Walking resolutely into the store, he faced the count.

"Mr. Count," he said, "you can't fool me any longer. The image is only in the window two hours each day and is no image at all. It's a woman, and the woman I want. I am a bachelor and rich. This woman is some relative of yours who has followed you in your misfortune. I desire to propose for her hand."

A cunning smile broke over the Frenchman's face.

"You are right, m'sieur."

The count admitted that the woman was his relative. He promised to speak to her about Dyson's proposition, inviting him to call the next day, shortly before 3 o'clock, when the flesh and blood would be relieved from duty by the wax image.

"M'sieur," said the count when Dyson called the next day, "if you like we will proceed to make the settlements." And he produced a contract making over $100,000 in case of marriage and a forfeit of $10,000 in case Dyson should change his mind. The lover did not like the $10,000 clause, but his mind was made up that the possession of this beautiful flower of French nobility must be his, and he signed. A few minutes after the execution of the paper the count went to the window and under pretense of rearranging it held up a curtain behind which the transfer was effected, and the woman stepped into the shop.

"Ah, m'sieur," she said, bending her eyes to the floor, "I have heard how you have honored me," then passed to a room at the back of the shop.

Half an hour later the door through which she had emerged was opened, and an old woman shriveled to the bone entered the shop.

"Permit me, m'sieur," said the count, "to present my sister. She has been every day made up to look like a wax figure from portrait of herself painted forty years ago."

Dyson stared at the frightful apparition for a few moments, then turned and left the shop. The next morning he drew on Denver for $10,000 and paid the forfeit. He followed his draft immediately, having seen all he wanted of New York.

AMBROSE SPENCER.

Proof Positive.

Miss Charcoal—I tell yo', Miz' Johnsing, dese heah patent medicines hain't no 'count at all. I'se been usin' dis lily balm face bleach fo' a yeah now, an' it 'fected me none.—Exchange.

Not Settled.

Jones—Does he love her still?

Johnson—No; her father keeps him on the jump all the time.—Kansas City Independent.

Grave Trouble Foreseen.

It needs but little foresight to tell that when your stomach and liver are badly affected grave trouble is ahead, unless you take the proper medicine for your disease, as Mrs. John A. Young, of Clay, N. Y., did. She says: "I had neuralgia of the liver and stomach, my heart was weakened and I could not eat. I was very bad for a long time, but in Electric Bitters I found just what I needed, for they quickly relieved and cured me." It's the best medicine for weak women. Sold under guarantee by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist, at 50c a bottle.

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Curious Rent.

At Broughton, near Brigg, in Lincolnshire, England, some lands are held by the following tenure: "Every year on Palm Sunday a person from Broughton enters the church porch at Caister having a green silk purse containing 2 shillings and a penny tied up at the end of a cart whip, which he cracks three times in the porch and stays there until the second lesson begins. Then he enters the church and cracks the whip again, finally depositing the purse and contents."

Long People Are Seldom Fat.

Some persons are born with a normal tendency to become fat, others with a tendency to leanness. It is the same among the lower animals. The hog is a sort of machine for transforming the odds and ends of food into fat, but the farmer knows beforehand that a little pig with long legs and snout will work off the fat as fast as it can be made. So a long legged person seldom inclines to obesity.

A Quaint Epitaph.

The following epitaph is from a monument in a cemetery at Newark, N. J.:

Here lies the body of
John Black,
Aged 48.

That cherry tree of luscious fruit
Beguiled him up too high;
The branch did break and down he fell
And broke his neck and died.
Also three infant children.

Fitting.

Mother—I wonder what we can do with Johnny? He has such a way of exaggerating everything. He is always making a mountain out of a molehill.

Father—I think, my dear, we had better make him an auctioneer.

Congenial Spirits.

Fritilla—Was your dinner a social success?

Clorinda—Yes, indeed. You see, I was careful to invite only people who have the same kind of nervous prostration.—Brooklyn Life.

THE POWER OF STEAM.

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6 30 A. M.	8 00 A. M.
10 00 A. M.	12 30 P. M.
3 00 P. M.	5 15 P. M.
	Leave Wrightsville
6 10 P. M.	6 45 P. M.
7 30 " "	8 15 " "
9 00 " "	9 30 " "
10 00 " "	10 30 " "

Extra Cars on Sundays.

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Hospital and Cemetery Cars. (Without change.)

Leave Front and Princess	Leave Cemetery
9 00 A. M.	9.10 A. M.
3.10 P. M.	3 20 P. M.
4.40 P. M.	5 00 P. M.

Delgado and Golf Link Car (Without change.) Daily except Sunday.

Leave Front and Princess	Leave Golf Links.
3 40 P. M.	4.00 P. M.
5 10 " "	5.30 " "

A. C. L. Depot Car (Without change).

Leave Front and Princess	Leave A. C. L. Depot
10 00 A. M.	10.10 A. M.
3.40 P. M.	3.50 P. M.

S. A. L. Car (Without change.)

Leave Front and Princess	Leave S. A. L. Depot
12 35 P. M.	12 45 P. M.
3.35 " M.	3 05 P. M.
11.15 P. M.	11.30 P. M.

FREIGHT SCHEDULE.

Daily except Sunday.

Leave 9th and Orange 3 00 P. M. Leave the Beach 4.30 P. M.

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Schedule in Effect Feb. 5 1905.

EASTBOUND.

Station.	No 3.	No. 5.
Lv Goldsboro	3 45 p m	8 00 a m
Lv L. Grange	4 16 p m	8 38 a m
Lv Kinston	4 40 p m	8 58 a m
Lv Dover	5 06 p m	9 14 a m
Lv Cove	5 16 p m	9 27 a m
Lv Tuscarora	5 26 p m	9 37 a m
Ar Newbern	5 45 p m	10 00 a m

	No. 7 (accom)
Lv New Bern	5 58 p m 12 30 p m
Lv Riverdale	6 18 p m 1 12 p m
Lv Havelock	6 34 p m 1 40 p m
Lv Newport	6 50 p m 2 00 p m
Ar Morehead City	7 12 p m 2 55 p m

WESTBOUND.

Station	No. 4	No. 8 (accom)
Lv Morehead City	7 40 a m	8 30 a m
Lv Newport	8 11 a m	6 34 a m
Lv Havelock	8 27 a m	7 01 a m
Lv Riverdale	8 40 a m	7 30 a m
Ar New Bern	9 00 a m	8 05 a m

Station	No. 6
Lv New Bern	9 15 a m 6 10 p m
Lv Tuscarora	9 27 a m 6 31 p m
Lv Cove	9 49 a m 6 44 p m
Lv Dover	10 08 a m 6 56 p m
Lv Kinston	10 27 a m 7 20 p m
Lv LaGrange	10 51 a m 7 43 p m
Ar Goldsboro	11 20 a m 8 10 p m

Trains 3, 4, 5 and 6 run daily.
Trains 7 and 8 run daily except Sunday.

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Schedule in Effect Dec. 1, 1904.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 42	No 48
Lv Wilmington	9 15 a m	6 50 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 05 p m	9 30 p m
Ar Wilson	1 16 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 56 p m	11 10 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	
Ar Weldon	4 00 p m	1 47 a m
Ar Petersburg	5 05 p m	3 03 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11 20 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 45 a m	9 00 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 02 a m
Ar New York	7 30 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 30 a m	9 30 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 50 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 07 p m	2 35 a m
Ar Washington	2 30 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk		8 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	6 55 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	7 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 51 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 51 p m	10 00 a m
Ar Wilson	11 39 p m	10 50 a m
Ar Goldsboro	12 45 a m	12 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 p m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH

SOUTHBOUND

	*Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 30 p m	6 50 p m
Ar Florence	9 35 a m	7 30 p m	9 50 p m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 05 p m	1 40 a m
Ar Savannah	6 45 p m	1 50 a m	9 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville		6 40 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Tampa		7 30 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	*Daily.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	8 40 p m	9 00 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 55 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	5 14 p m	5 55 a m
Ar Florence	7 50 p m	9 35 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 55 p m	1 40 p m

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	West Bound *Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar 5 40 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 00 p m	Ar 8 25 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv 3 40 p m

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Leave Hamlet	8 30 a m	6 10 p m
" Southern Pines	9 45 a m	11 00 p m
" Raleigh	11 40 a m	1 00 a m
" Norlina	1 35 p m	3 27 a m
Arrive Portsmouth	5 30 p m	8 10 a m
Leave Richmond	4 55 p m	6 35 a m
" Washington	8 36 p m	10 10 a m
" Baltimore	11 05 p m	11 30 a m
" Philadelphia	2 35 a m	1 45 p m
Arrive New York	6 32 a m	4 15 p m

SOUTHBOUND.	No. 31	No. 35
Leave New York	12 05 p m	9 35 p m
" Philadelphia	2 55 p m	12 13 a m
" Baltimore	5 10 p m	2 37 a m
" Washington	6 25 p m	4 30 a m
" Richmond	10 00 p m	9 10 a m
Leave Portsmouth	9 00 p m	2 05 a m
Leave Norlina	1 35 a m	1 40 p m
" Raleigh	3 38 a m	4 00 p m
" Southern Pines	4 53 a m	6 16 p m
" Hamlet	6 40 a m	7 30 p m
Arrive Wilmington	10 45 p m	11 50 p m

Between Wilmington and Atlanta

SOUTHBOUND	No. 41
Leave Wilmington	3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	10 15 p m
" Athens	6 18 a m
Arrive Atlanta	8 40 a m

NORTHBOUND	No. 38
Leave Atlanta	9 00 p m
" Athens	11 23 p m
" Hamlet	1 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	10 45 p m

Between Wilmington and Tampa

SOUTHBOUND	No. 48
Leave Wilmington	4 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	10 10 p m
" Columbia	10 50 a m
" Savannah	2 45 a m
" Jacksonville	9 40 a m
Arrive Tampa	5 40 p m

NORTHBOUND	No. 95
Leave Tampa	8 50 a m
" Jacksonville	7 50 p m
" Savannah	12 10 a m
" Columbia	5 30 a m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 17.

GOING FOR THE OIL TRUST.

President Instructs Commissioner Garfield to Make Thorough Investigation Slick Oil Men Not Afraid.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President Roosevelt has directed James R. Garfield, commissioner of corporations, of the Department of Commerce and Labor to begin immediately the oil investigation, requested by the House of Representatives yesterday in a resolution adopted unanimously. The investigation, by direction of the President, will be rigid and comprehensive. The President has directed a letter to Commissioner Garfield in which he has given his directions and presented an outline of his views. Representative Campbell, of Kansas, the author of the resolution adopted by the House, had a conference with President Roosevelt to-day. Mr. Campbell's idea is that the investigation should concern particularly the situation in the Kansas field, but he expressed to the President his belief that the inquiry, once begun, would extend to the operations of the Standard Oil Company in the Beaumont field of Texas, and perhaps to other fields.

PITTSBURG, PA., Feb. 16.—William S. Young, president of the Prarie Oil and Gas Company of Kansas, against which the oil investigation in Congress yesterday was directed, in an interview with the Associated Press to-day said that the company was not afraid of an investigation.

"The charges being agitated at present are without foundation," he said, "and we are paying no attention to them In fact, we will aid the investigations so as to end the controversy as quickly as possible."

WILL WE HAVE TO FIGHT?

President Castro, of Venezuela, Provoking a Conflict—Situation Serious.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PARIS, Feb. 16.—A semi-official dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says that upon the pressure of President Castro the court has ordered the sequestration of the landed property of the American Asphalt Company. This decision, the dispatch states, has caused excitement in the American colony at at Caracas.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The State Department to-day received a cablegram from Minister Bowen, dated at Caracas which states that the Supreme Court had confirmed its former decree sequestrating the property in Venezuela of the American Asphalt Company. The action of the court brings the asphalt dispute to the critical point, for it is now incumbent upon the government here to make the next move.

The asphalt company some time ago made a strong appeal to the State Department here for aid, asserting that it has been denied justice by the Venezuelan government. The President requested Attorney General Moody to report whether or not there had been a miscarriage of justice in this case such as would warrant a formal protest by this government. It is believed that the conclusion reached is to the effect that the asphalt company has not been fairly treated, not only according to the principles of English law, but even taking as a basis the ordinary Venezuelan legal practice.

Now that President Castro has returned to Caracas it is expected that our minister will renew his efforts to prevent the case from proceeding to a point where a summary demand must be made upon the Venezuelan government to right the wrong which it is alleged to have committed in this case.

OBSTRUCTIONS TO NAVIGATION.

Milling People at Augusta, Ga., Want Draws Put in Bridges.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Secretary Taft and General MacKenzie, chief of engineers, gave a hearing at the War Department to-day to persons interested in the controversy over the bridges crossing the Savannah river at Augusta. There are three of these bridges, two owned and operated by the city of Augusta and the other owned and operated by the Southern Railway Company. Milling interests on the river above the city contend that these bridges constitute an obstruction to navigate and they asked the War Department to direct that each bridge be provided with a draw so as to permit of the free passage of vessels to points above the city. This plan is opposed by the officials of the city and of the railroad company, who represent that the river is not navigable above the bridges and that one of the city bridges has occupied its has occupied its present site for nearly 60 years. The main question for the War Department to decide is as to the navagability of the river above the city, as otherwise the War Department has no jurisdiction in the matter. At the conclusion of the hearing the attorney representing the city of Augusta was given until the 23rd inst. to submit an additional legal argument against the proposition to place draws in the bridges.

THE REFRIGERATOR CAR LINES.

Attorney in Washington Opposing Federal Control—Congress Has No Power.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. — J. D. Felder, of Atlanta, Ga., attorney for the Armour Packing and private car line interests, and representing the Georgia Peach Growers, was heard today in opposition to Federal control of private car lines by the sub-committees of the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce. Mr. Felder asserted that neither the producer, the consumer, the railroads nor car line people had made any demand for Federal control of privileged car lines; that the only complaint which had been made came from the middlemen, whom he termed "parasites" on the industry of the country. He maintained that Congress had no jurisdiction in the matter.

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MONROE DOCTRINE UNDER NEW GUISE.

President Roosevelt Explains to Congress His New Policy in San Domingo.

MONGREL REPUBLIC IN CHAOS.

It Owes $22,000,000 in Debts to Foreign Powers—We Collect It to Keep Other Powers from Violating the Monroe Doctrine—Message.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President Roosevelt's message, transmitting to the Senate the new Dominican protocol of an agreement providing for the collection and disbursement by the United States of the customs revenues of San Domingo for the adjustment of all the obligations of that government, was to day made public by order of the Senate in executive session. The document includes the new agreement as well as the original protocol and award of the commission of arbitration, for the settlement of the claims of the San Domingo Improvement Company, under which agents of the United States are already collecting the revenues at certain of the ports of the Dominican government.

Few documents that have come to the Senate in relation to any of the South or Central American or West Indian republics have attracted so much attention. Because of the controversy that has arisen as to the right of the executive to enter into treaty arrangements with any foreign government, without the advice and consent of the Senate, extraordinary interest has been aroused.

The document came to the Senate yesterday at an hour past the usual time for most Senators to leave the chamber and therefore it was brought up soon after the Senate convened today. The message of the President outlined the policy of the administration in relation to the Monroe doctrine holding that it demanded that this government take charge of the customs of American states, when it is manifest that they are unable to maintain their own integrity. In beginning his message the President says that conditions in San Domingo has been growing steadily worse for many years and debts have been contracted beyond the power of the republic to pay. Certain foreign countries, he says, have felt themselves aggrieved because of the non-payment of debts due their citizens, and have felt that the only way they could ever get any guarantee of payment would be by acquisition of territory or taking charge of the customs affairs of the republic.

It is pointed out by the President that the Monroe doctrine would prohibit any foreign government from stepping in and he says that those who profit by this doctrine must accept certain responsibilities along with the rights it confers. He says further:

"The justification for the United States' taking this burden and incurring this responsibility is to be found in the fact that it is incompatible with international equity for the United States to refuse to allow other powers to take the only means at their disposal of satisfying the claims of their creditors and yet to refuse itself to take any such steps."

A special point is made by the President that this government does not propose to take any part of San Domingo or to exercise any other control over the island save what is necessary to its financial rehabilitation in connection with the collection of revenue, part of which will be turned over to the government to meet the necessary expense of running it, and part of which will be distributed pro rata among creditors of the republic upon a basis of absolute equity. The President then discusses the course aggrieved nations may take against American republics without interference with the Monroe docirne.

Incorporated in the measure is a financial statement showing that the Dominican government owes to foreign governments about $22,000,000 and that $18,000,000 of this amount is recognized. The President discusses at length the negotiations that have taken place looking to the collection of these debts and says that as the foreign governments were put off from time to time they became importunate in pressing their unsatisfied demands. Continuing the President says:

"As the result of chronic disorders attended with a constant increase of debt, the state of things in Santo Domingo has become hopeless, unless the United States or some other strong government shall interpose to bring it out of the chaos. The custom houses with the exception of the two in the possession of the financial agent appointed by the United States, have become unproductive for the discharge of indebtedness except as to persons making emergency loans to the government or to its enemies for the purposes of carrying on political contests by force. They have in fact became the nuclei of the various revolutions.

"The ordinary resources of diplomacy and interest arbitration are absolutely impotent to deal wisely and effectively with the situation in the Dominican republic, which can only be met by organizing its finances on a sound basis and by placing the custom house beyond the temptation of insurgent chieftains. Either we must abandon our duty under our traditional policy toward the Dominican people who aspire to a republican form of government while they are actually drifting into a condition of permanent anarchy, in which case we must permit some other government to adopt its own measures in order to safeguard its own interests or we must ourselves take seasonable and appropriate action."

It is suggested by the President that if a plan could be adopted in regard to San Domingo similar to that in the Platt amendment for the government of Cuba it would be practicable and a solution to the problem. The message concludes as follows:

"We on our part are simply performing in a peaceful manner, not only with the cordial acquiescence, but in accordance with the earnest request of the government concerned, part of that international duty which is necessarily involved in the assertion of the Monroe doctrine. We are bound to show that we perform this duty in good good faith and without any intention of aggrandising ourselves at the expense of our weaker neighbors or of conducting ourselves otherwise than so as to benefit both these weaker neighbors and those European powers which may be brought into contact with them It is in the highest degree that we should prove by our action that the world may trust in our good faith and may understand that this international duty will be performed by us within our own sphere, in the interest not merely of ourselves but of all other nations and with strict justice toward all. If this is done a general acceptance of the Monroe doctrine will in the end surely follow and this will mean an increase of the sphere in which peaceful measures for the settlement of international difficulties gradually displace those of a warlike character.

"I call attention to the urgent need of prompt action on this matter. We now have a gr at opporiunity to secure peace and stability in the Island without friction or bloodshed by acting in accordance with the cordial invitation of the governmental authorities themselves. It will be unfortunate from every standpoint if we fail to grasp this opportunity, for such failure will probably mean increasing revolutionary violence in Santo Domingo and very possibly embarrassing foreign complications in addition. This protocol affords a practical test of the efficiency of the United States government in maintaining the Monroe doctrine.

The protocol declaring that the United States government views "any attempt on the part of the government's outside of this hemisphere to oppress or control the destiny of the Dominican republic as a manifestation of an unfriendly disposition towards the United United States," provides substantially as follows:

Article first: The United States government agrees to attempt the adjustment of all the obligations of the Dominican government, foreign as well as domestic; the adjustment of the payment, the consideration of conflicting and unreasonable loans, and the denomination, validity and amount of all pending claims.

Article second: The United States government shall take charge of the existing custom houses and those which may hereafter be created, and shall collect and take charge of all custom house receipts. These employes shall be subject to the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the Domican republic.

Article third: Out of the revenues which shall be collected in all the custom houses of the republic the government of the United States shall deliver to the Dominican government a sum which shall not be less than 45 per cent. of the total amount collected, for the purpose of meeting the needs of the public service.

Article fourth: The government of the United States will apply the 45 per cent which it retains towards the payment of the employes of the custom houses; the interest, amortization and installments in of the Dominican debt, foreign and domestic. The whole surplus which may remain at the end of each fiscal year to be deliver ed to the government of the Dominican republic or shall be devoted to the payment of its debts, if it shall so determine.

Article fifth: Provides for monthly report of customs receipts to the Dominican government.

Article Sixth: Any reform of the system of duties and taxes shall be made in agreement with the President of the United States, and therefore the present tariff and port dues may not be reduced except with his consent as long as the whole of the debt, which the government of the United States takes charge of, shall not have been completely paid, with the exception of the export duties upon national products which the Dominican government remains authorized to abolish or reduce immediately, but not to increase said export duties or its public debt without the consent of the President of the United States.

Article Seventh: The government of the United States at the request of the Dominican government shall grant the latter such other assistance as the former may deem proper to restore the credit, preserve the order, increase the efficiency of the civil administration and advance the material progress and welfare of the Dominican Republic.

Articles Eighth and Ninth: Provide for the continuance of the agreement during the lifetime of the debt, and submission of the protocol to the United States Senate and the Dominican Congress.

EXPLOSION OF A SUBMARINE.

Terrible Accident at Queenstown, England. Four Killed and Fourteen Injured.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 16.—Four men killed and fourteen injured, of whom three are in a critical condition, was the report of two explosions on board the British submarine boat "A-5" in the harbor to-day The killed included Engineer-Attificier Chaffe, a leading stoker, and a stoker. Lieutenant H. G. Good, commander of the vessel, was blinded. His condition is critical. Lieutenant Skinner, an officer of the submarine boat, subsequently died of his injuries. Only one man of the entire crew escaped uninjured. The first explosion is believed to have occurred while the crew were engaged in filling the gasoline tanks preparatory to proceeding outside the harbor. The "A-5" caught fire after the first explosion. When this explosion occurred a number of the crew of the torpedo gunboat Hazard, volunteered to go to the rescue of the submarine's crew, but hardly had they got on board the "A 5" when a second explosion took place and all the rescuers were injured. The submarine boat was afterwards docked and an official statement issued this evening says the vessel has not sufferd much damage. An inquiry into the causes of the explosions will be held to-morrow.

The explosion, which was of the violence of a big gun and was heard ten miles away, shook the submarine's convoy, the Hazard, from stem to stern. Dense volumes of smoke were seen immediately pouring from the only outlet of the submarine. The rescuers report that it was only by superhuman efforts they were able to force their way through the stifling flames. They were repeadly driven back and when they finally reached the lower part of the boat they encountered a terriable spectacle. Of the wounded and dying crew only one was able to speak coherently, and he was begging to be saved. The rescuers were forcing up the second manhole forward when the second explosion occurred, blowing one of them twenty feet upward. He fell in the water and was rescued. Others were slightly wounded.

HOMICIDE AT WILSON.

Mill Superintendent Shot and Killed by Carriage Workman—An Abetter.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 16.—R. O. Pickard, superintendent of the Wilson Cotton Mills, at Wilson, N. C., was shot and killed this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the spinning room at the mill. He leaves a wife and son. Wiley House, a workman in a carriage factory, is under arrest charged with the crime. He and Charles Norton, both having been drinking, went to the mill and were ordered out. Norton told House to shoot and House, pulling out a pistol, did so. Pickard went to his office and fell dead. The men escaped but were later captured near town.

A cordial invitation was extended to the President yesterday to visit Jacksonville, Fla. Senator Taliaferro, of Florida, introduced to the President C. E. Garner, president of the Jacksonville Board of Trade, who, on behalf of the citizens of Jacksonville, presented the invitation. The President expressed pleasure at the invitation and told his callers that he would endeavor to visit Jacksonville some time during his administration.

INCREASED POWER FOR ROOSEVELT.

House Passes Panama Canal Bill Placing Him in Charge of the Work.

SENATE IS UNDER CHARGE.

House Resents Interference With Its Constitutional Prerogative in Originating Revenue Legislation—The Swayne Impeachment.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The naval appropriation bill to-day further occupied the attention of the House for a major portion of the session but the debate was without particular incident and no material amendment was adopted. Its consideration had not been declared when adjournment was taken.

Before the naval bill came up, the House entered an emphatic protest against the action of the Senate in amending the agricultural appropriation bill so as to interpret the drawback feature of the Dingley tariff act affecting wheat. By a vote of 361 to 5 the bill was sent back to the Senate with the statement that its amendment was an infringent of the constitutional privilege of the House to originate revenue legislation. Both Mr. Payne, of New York, the majority leader, and Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, the minority leader, urged that action. Mr. Payne said that the right to originate revenue legislation was a sacred one of the House. He declared that "none could be originated, none should be," and, he added, "none will be originated in the other body if the House stands by its rights and privileges as guaranteed by the constitution."

Mr. Williams alluded to the action of the Senate "engaging in a strenuous effort to prevent a real or supposed attack of the executive, a usurpation in the opinion of the Senate upon its function and dignity," and said it was a peculiarly inappropriate time for the Senate to attempt "to make a plain, palpable, obvious and aggressive attack upon the dignity of the House."

The Mann bill to provide a government for the Canal zone was passed without further discussion. The bill gives all the right of government of the canal zone to the President until the end of the next Congress, but provides that the government shall be so administered as to protect the inhabitants in the free enjoyment of their liberty, property and religion. It abolishes the Isthmian Canal Commission and places the work of the construction of the canal in the hands of the President.

The House adjourned until to-morrow.

IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Aside from two hours spent in routine business the Senate to-day gave its entire attention to the Swayne impeachment trial. Two hours and a half of the time was spent behind closed doors considering the admissibility of a statement made by Judge Swayne before a committee of the House of Representatives. The point was argued at length by a number of the lawyers of the Senate. It involved the construction of the statute of 1862 which provides that a statement made by a witness before a judicial committee could not be used against him in a criminal proceeding in a court. Senators favoring the admissability of the statement as a rule contended that the impeachment proceedings are not criminal in character and that the Senate sitting for the trial of Judge Swayne is not a court in the sense in which that word is used in the statute. Mr. Baily presented this view at length. Mr. Spooner, who agreed with him as to the admissability of the statement, took issue with him on the points mentioned, but based his plea on the fact that Judge Swayne had voluntarily appeared before the House committee, arguing that in doing so he removed himself from the prosecution of the law. Messrs. Foraker and McCumber contended that the statute is so broad in scope as to apply to all witnesses. They said its principal purpose was to protect witnesses against the sense of fear in giving testimony before the congressional committee. Mr. Bacon, who had previously voted against the admissibility of the Swayne statement, to-day spoke in support of its acceptance, saying that an examination of the statutes had convinced him of his error on the previous occasion Mr. Clark, of Arkansas, was speaking when the Senate took a recess until 11 o'clock to-morrow with the intention of proceeding with the case immediately on convening. Only two witnesses, Don McClellan and C. M. Costen, both of Pensacola, were examined to-day and when they were excused the House managers announced that they would close their case with the testimony of one more witness who has not arrived in the city. Meanwhile the case of the respondent will be presented as soon as the legal point in controversy is settled.

CANAL BILL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Without waiting for the Mann canal bill to come over from the House, the Senate committee on interoceanic canals authorized Senator Kittredge to prepare a new bill for the committee and introduce it to the Senate, which was done to-day. The Mann bill provided specifically for the repeal of that part of the canal act authorizing the appointment of the isthmian canal commission and fixing its duties and powers. This section is eliminated from the Senate bill and the entire question is covered in the first section, which extends the present canal act.

The bill introduced by Senator Kittredge follows out practically all the remaining provisions of the bill but provides also a number of new features. One important change is in the section which extends the authority of the President over the canal zone until the end of the next regular session of Congress, while the Mann bill provides for an extension of the end of the next Congress.

Jay Cooke, whose fame as a financier is world wide, died last night at the home of his son-in-law, Charles S. Barney, of Ogontz, a suburb of Philadelphia. Mr. Cooke was 83 years of age. He had been complaining of the general debility, as the result of old age, for several years. His condition was not considered serious, however, and his death came rather suddenly. Last Monday he entertained as his guests 125 young ladies attending the Ogontz school and their friends. On that occasion he appeared to be in good spirits and was the last to leave the reception room.

— Mr. Jeff D. Sessoms, of Stedman, arrived last night.

Cold weather don't stop the rush at Gaylord's store—three days' sale.

WARM WIRELETS.

Chairman Cullom, of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has appointed to consider Senator Bacon's San Domingo resolution a sub-committee composed of Senators Fairbanks, Spooner and Bacon.

A. J. McKelway, of Charlotte, N. C., discussed "Child Labor Situations in Southern Industries," at the final meeting of the National Child Labor Committee in New York last night.

Schooner Henry J. Smith, Adams, Port Tampa for Norfolk, with cago of phosphate rock, reports at Charleston, having experienced heavy gales. She is leaking abreast the mizzen rigging about two feet below the water line. One of the crew had his arm broken.

The old Oscilla House at Homosassa, Fla., was destroyed by fire yesterday. All the male guests were away at the time fishing and hunting and lost their trunks and other belongings. One guest lost about $900. Major Meeker, the proprietor, lost all of his furniture and hosehold effects.

Three of the young men arrested at Baltimore last Fall in charge of post-office inspectors left there last night for Charleston. They are charged with robbing the postoffice at Latta, S. C. The men are Edward Morgan, Robert L. Stainback, alias Will Johnson, and James King, alias Brennen.

At Washington yesterday the House Committee on Military Affairs authorized a favorable report on a joint resolution providing that Union and Confederate battle flags in the custody of the War Department shall be returned to the proper authorities in the States in which the regiments which bore the colors were organized.

Philip McIntyre, the alleged forger recently arrested in New York upon his arrival from Mexico and taken to Norfolk to answer the charge of obtaining $900 from the Citizen's Bank of Norfolk upon a forged draft, entered a plea of guilty in the Corporation Court yesterday in that city and asked for mercy. He was sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary for one year.

About seventy-five dentists, representing nearly every Southern State, gathered in Atlanta yesterday and organized a new association, to be known as the Chapman-Harris Denial Society. The name was adopted to avoid any sectionalism and chosen in honor of the founder of the first dental college in America. Dr. H. C. Marshall, of St. Louis, was elected president.

At Shingdale, Mich., yesterday three children were burned to death and their father, Frank Persons, was so badly burned and also frozen while fighting the fire and trying to rescue his children that he will probably die. A defective flue is thought to have caused the fire.

It is announced from Fort Valley, Ga., that one of the most extensive peach growers in that section reports it as his opinion that fifty per cent. of the Elberta buds have been hurt. He made this statement after having made a careful examination of his extensive orchards. Provided the crop suffers no further injury, there are sufficient buds remaining to insure a full crop of peaches of all varieties.

Eight workmen were badly injured by explosions of sulphur in the Brooklyn Sulphur Works in Brooklyn yesterday and were removed to hospitals suffering from burns and from inhaling the fumes of the burning sulphur. Four of the men are fatally burned. The loss was about $20,000.

Excirement was created in the West Virginia Legislature yesterday when a newspaper article alleging a coalition of Democrats and recalcitrant Republicans brought about by a paid whiskey lobby, was presented in the Senate. An unsuccessful effort to send the story to Governor White to incorporate it in his special message, which was returned to him to supply omissions yesterday was made. The message was not returned to the Senate yesterday as expected.

Representative Townsend, of Michigan, one of the authors of the Esch-Townsend freight rate bill, after a talk with the President yesterday, expressed the opinion that there was a chance for the passage of the bill by the Senate at the present session. After his talk with the President Mr. Townsend said that, in the event no legislation on the rate situation was enacted at this session, an extraordinary session of Congress would be called by President Roosevelt for next autumn, perhaps in Oktober.

In New York yesterday James W. Alexander and James H. Hyde were re-elected president and first vice president, respectively, of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. All the other officers whose terms had expired were re-elected. "We have settled all differences and berled all wounds," said Mr. Hyde after the meeting. "Everyane of us, from my superior, Mr. Alexander, down to the humblest subordinate is now pulling together. We are in complete accord."

Business men of Savannah, Ga., yesterday contributed $100,000 to the Southern Cotton Association. President Harvie Jordan and Financial Agent E. D. Smith, of Magnolia, S. C., appeared on the floor of the Cotton Exchange and addressed a large gathering of members of the Cotton Exchange, the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade. Mr. Jordan after the meeting said there is an excellent chance for Savannah to secure the headquarters of the Association. It rests between Savannah, Atlanta, New Orleans and Memphis.

In the British Parliament yesterday H. H. Asquith's amendment to the reply to the speech from the throne was defeated in the House of Commons tonight by a vote of 311 to 248. This amendment declared "that the various aspects of the fiscal question have been finally discussed in the country for nearly two years and that the time has come for submitting the question to the people without further delay". The ministerial majority of sixty three is regarded as giving the government the first move in the political game and as finally disposing of any prospect of a dissolution of Parliament.

At St. Petersburg yesterday the employes of Putiloff Iron Works appeared at the works to-day, but instead of resuming their tasks demanded as a condition of going to work the release of their comrades who are under arrest. Similar action was taken by the men of the Neva works. Upon other grounds the workmen again went out at the Franco-Russian Rubber Works, the Russo-American Rubber Works, and the St Petersburg Car Works and the Nicholas railroad shops. Considerable mystery surrounds the recurrence of the strike movement, it being rumored that Father Gopon is again directing operations through his lieutenants.

THE FAR EASTERN WAR.

Japanese Use of Siege Guns Demoralizing Russians—Spring Approaching Brings No Hope to the Russians.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

TOKIO, Feb. 16.—The following dispatch was received to-day from the headquarters of the Japanese armies in Manchuria:

"In the direction of the Shakhe our artillery, Feb. 14, bombarded Chiensunmupaoizu and set fire to that village. The enemy's artillery in the neighborhood of Sanchenizy mountain replied. During the night of Feb. 14 a section of the enemy's infantry attacked Waitao mountain and at dawn Feb. 15 a battalion attacked Waitao mountain, but the Russians were entirely repulsed. In the direction of Chitaitzu, in the morning of February 15, 500 of the enemy's cavalrymen advanced into Santaitz from Shengtsaimen three miles northwest of Chitaitzu. Another force of cavalry advanced south along the right bank of the Hun river February 14 and passed the night in the neighborhood of Chenchiawaitzu, placing outposts in the vicinity of Kavehagizu. Before the arrival of our detachment dispatched to dislodge the enemy, his force began to retreat north. Our detachment quickly pursuing him towards Helyuzou inflicted some damage. The enemy's artillery taking up a position in the neighborhood of Wanchaiwopang covered his retreat. The enemy's strength was about ten squadrons of cavalry and artillery."

GETTING SERIOUS FOR RUSSIA.

MUKDEN, Feb 15.—The Japanese fired Tuesday and are firing this morning on Putiloff hill with eight-inch guns carrying 800 pound projectings indicating that they are the siege used at Port Arthur and the first to be mounted before the Russian lines at Mukden. A situation, therefore, confronts the Russian center and the general situation appears to have been rendered more uncertain and complicated by the battle of Sandepas and the arrival of open weather, indicating an early Spring.

NATIONAL SCANDAL.

Secretary Hitchcock, of the Interior Department, Besmirches Hoke Smith.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Secretary Hitchcock to-day gave out a statement arraigning as "a gigantic monopoly" the present lease by the Indian Territor Illuminating Oil Company of the right to prospect for oil and gas throughout the entire area of the Osage Indian reservation and explaining the agreement reached several days ago for cutting off more than one half of the lands under this lease, during the next ten years. The statement sets forth that what is known as as to the Osage oil lease, granting the exclusive right to pospect, develop and sub let for oil and gas throughout the entire 1,500,000 acres of the Osage Indian lands, was granted for ten years by the then Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Hoke Smith, on March 15th, 1896, to Edwin S. Foster, but that "after a checkered existence" the lessee is now known as the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company. "It was," says the statement, "one of the most gigantic monopolies ever issued for an individual or company by any Secretary of the Interior. The lease was nothing short of a public scandal."

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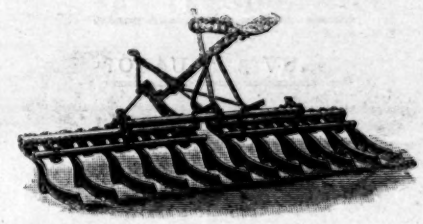

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feb 10 6t Clerk Superior Court.